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Yeltsin Yields To Cleric and Agrees to Crisis Talks

By Lee Hockstader Washington Post Service MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin, facing a revolt from conservative provincial lawmakers and clashes between police officers and demonstrators in the streets of Moscow, agreed Thursday to negotiate with his opponents to overcome the country's constitutional crisis.

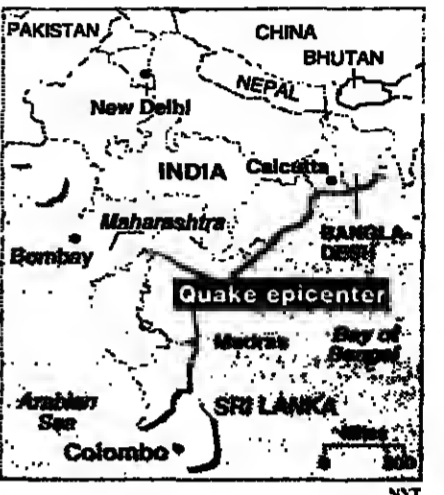


A pro-Yeltsin soldier taking part in the blockade of the parliament building in Moscow, where dismissed deputies remained Thursday.

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16,000 Feared Dead In Central India As Quake Flattens At Least 49 Villages

By Molly Moore Washington Post Service HYDERABAD, India — As many as 16,000 people were killed on Thursday in an earthquake that rocked India's central heartland, flattening villages and turning large towns into graveyards of rubble, according to preliminary reports from throughout the area.



Quake epicenter

Government authorities said the number of dead could increase as army troops and relief workers reached the remotest areas and began digging through ruins in which most of the casualties were believed to have died in their sleep.

It was the most devastating earthquake in India in nearly a century, measuring 6.4 on the open-ended Richter scale. In the Maharashtra town of Kharilari near the epicenter, "not a single house is left standing," according to an Indian journalist who reached the area late Thursday.

'Pseudo-Left'? Maybe, but U.K. Labor Is Winning Votes

By John Darnton New York Times Service BRIGHTON, England — Jane, a delegate from the Midlands, recalls Labor Party conferences of the mid-'80s with nostalgia. Those were the days. The party had a red flag. The speeches were fire-and-brimstone. And the enemy was clear: the banks and boardrooms of the Tories and their lackeys in Parliament.

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Kiosk Moscow Objects To Bigger NATO. PARIS (Reuters) — President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia has written to Western leaders warning them against expanding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to admit former Communist states in Eastern Europe, diplomatic sources said Thursday.

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U.S. Plans Campaign to Defrost Relations With China

By Jim Mann Los Angeles Times Service WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is preparing a series of new steps aimed at improving its rapidly deteriorating relations with China, including an eventual restoration of long-frozen United States contacts with the People's Liberation Army.

China that has been suspended since the Tiananmen Square crackdown in 1989. In addition, sources close to the policy-making process said, Despite squabbles, investors pour into Hong Kong. Page 11. China's prime minister blames the U.S. for any rift. Page 5.

U.S. Agents Are Faulted in Raid on Waco Cult

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Government investigators said Thursday that senior officials of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms made serious mistakes of judgment before, during and after the fatal February raid on the compound of the cult leader David Koresh in Waco, Texas.

"It is now clear that those in charge in Texas realized that they had lost the element of surprise before the raid began," said Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen in releasing a report on the raid. "They erred by failing to abort the mission." He said five senior bureau officials had been suspended.

Europeans Fear Balkan Link in Aegean Buildup

By William Drozdzak Washington Post Service PARIS — Greece and Turkey are engaged in a large-scale arms buildup with the support of the United States and other Western allies even though some experts say they fear it could escalate their ancient rivalry and possibly embroil them in the Balkan conflict.

On Miami Roads, Predators in Big Cars

By William Booth Washington Post Service MIAMI — On the streets of Miami, police officers say, life is a jungle, complete with predators and prey. The predators are violent young men, many of them juveniles, who cruise the highways in big, sturdy cars, the better to ram with. The prey, many of them, are tourists.



Three suspects in a German tourist's death, Alvin Hudson, Recondell Wiggins and Patsy Jones, being arraigned in Miami. They were all charged with murder.

Worked to Death, but Paid for It In Japan, Employee's Family Gets a Record Sum

TOKYO — One of Japan's largest companies has agreed to pay a record amount in compensation to a family of a former employee who died, the family claims, of overwork. "We agreed to a settlement because we thought it best to reach an early decision on the matter," said a spokesman for Japan Tobacco Inc., the country's tobacco giant.

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STATESIDE / DOCTORS ON THE OFFENSIVE



BEER 'SIN' TAX? — An Anheuser-Busch employee affixing an anti-tax sign to a truck in Missouri. Washington has proposed such taxes to raise money for health care.

Doctors Intend to Press for Changes in Health Plan

By Robert Pear
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The American Medical Association is urging doctors to oppose some central elements of President Bill Clinton's health plan, including federal regulation of health insurance premiums and cuts in the growth of Medicare and Medicaid.

At a political education conference and in documents sent to all doctors across the country, leaders of the association punctured the spirit of bipartisan euphoria that had surrounded the plan since Mr. Clinton presented it in a speech to Congress last week.

The association said some parts of Mr. Clinton's plan, like the proposal to guarantee health care for all Americans, were good for patients. And Lonnie R. Bristow, chairman of the association board of trustees, said the organization had decided to "neither endorse nor oppose the plan in its entirety."

But in a letter to members and 40,000 doctors, the association would urge physicians to persuade Congress to make substantial changes in Mr. Clinton's proposal.

The doctors do not have a veto over legislation but are expected to exert considerable influence in Congress because many are prominent in their communities and contribute to political campaigns. The association itself has a \$7 million budget for lobbying.

Dr. Bristow, the chairman, said: "The president has offered the country a prescription for what ails our health care system. While we agree with his general diagnosis, we disagree with some of his treatment decisions. He's prescribing some pretty stiff, new and untried medicine. We are worried that no one really knows what the side effects are going to be."

Until now, the association has been content to let Mr. Clinton's administration seek its cooperation, whose opposition has proved fatal to a long series of health care proposals, and preparing to do battle with it.

The association's tone became more aggressive Wednesday as members focused on details of the Clinton plan.

At the conference, doctors booed and hissed Donna Shalala, the secretary of health and human services, when she told them of the president's proposal to limit medical malpractice lawsuits, a proposal they see as inadequate.

Although vowing to be constructive, the doctors criticized crucial parts of Mr. Clinton's plan to hold down health costs and reshape the medical system. Officials rejected the criticism, but said they would work with doctors toward compromise.

In the letter to the physicians, Dr. Bristow and Dr. Joseph J. ...

... "It is unacceptable that no place has been reserved" for a doctor on the National Health Board, the body Mr. Clinton would establish to supervise the new health care system.

It asserted that the Clinton plan was biased toward "managed care" and against traditional fee-for-service medicine, under which doctors receive a separate payment for each service. It complained that "physicians will be given financial incentives to provide less care."

The 290,000 members of the association account for 43 percent of the nation's doctors. In the early 1970s, the association represented 70 percent of doctors.

In the 1960s, the association fought creation of Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly, saying it was an "irreversible step toward the complete socialization of medical care."

But the group, intransigent before passage of Medicare in 1965, then cooperated with the government to carry it out. Medicare now accounts for a substantial portion of doctors' income. In its analysis of Mr. Clinton's proposals, the association said that reductions in Medicare reimbursement were unacceptable and threatened access to care for elderly people.

Mr. Clinton is proposing to cut the projected growth of Medicare by \$124 billion, or 10 percent, from 1996 to 2000. He said all the savings will be used to finance new benefits for the elderly, including coverage of prescription drugs.

The president is proposing to cut \$114 billion, or 16 percent, from the amounts that would otherwise be spent in Medicare, the fast-growing program for the elderly.

The Clinton plan would probably shift income from specialists to general practice doctors. While it would limit the fees of many doctors, it would guarantee some payment for uninsured patients who now pay nothing for their care.

The association has taken more liberal positions since Dr. James Todd became executive vice president of the organization in 1990. The group irritated President George Bush with insistent calls for federal action to guarantee access to health care for all Americans.

Clinton May Say 'No' to Japan Talks

By James Risen
Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is so frustrated with what it views as Japanese intransigence over trade negotiations that President Bill Clinton may cancel a scheduled meeting with Japan's prime minister, according to a senior White House official.

The administration has accused the Japanese of foot-dragging in failing to follow through on the agreement in Tokyo this summer to establish a new "results-oriented" framework for trade negotiations between the two nations.

Almost as soon as that agreement was announced, a dispute broke out between the two sides on exactly what the pact meant, and that dispute has yet to be fully resolved.

The United States believed it had won a Japanese pledge to comply with new and specific targets to reduce its trade surplus with America. The Japanese argued that they had never agreed to targets at all, but only to more vaguely worded commitments.

Detailed negotiations to flesh out the framework accord in three specific sectors — automobiles, life insurance and government procurement practices — have continued, but have produced no tangible results, despite a change of government in Japan. Under the trade agreement, Mr. Clinton is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa every six months to follow up on the trade framework agreed in Tokyo in July.

Mr. Clinton intends to go ahead with planned meetings at an Asian conference in Seattle in November, but unless some progress is achieved soon, the White House may cancel the later bilateral trade sessions with Mr. Hosokawa scheduled for January or early February.

"We don't expect the Japanese economy to turn itself inside out because we are having discussions," the White House official said. "But if we get to early December, for example, and you have not had any progress," he said, it will be difficult to schedule substantive meetings between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Hosokawa early next year.

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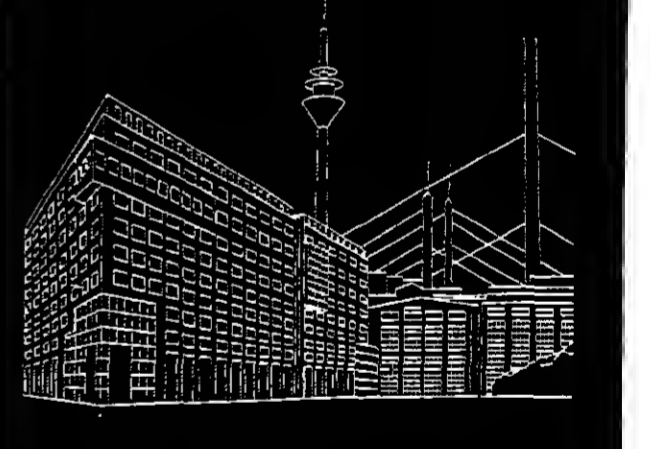
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POLITICAL NOTES

High Marks So Far for Health Plan

WASHINGTON — With his all-points sales pitch, President Bill Clinton has won broad initial support from the public for his sweeping health care plan, a Los Angeles Times Poll has found.

In their preliminary reaction, the survey showed, Americans supported Mr. Clinton's plan by a greater than 2-to-1 margin. They overwhelmingly endorsed his argument that maintaining the status quo would be more risky than dramatic change. And they decisively rejected the contention by critics that the administration proposal constituted "excessive government intrusion" into the private marketplace.

But public opinion about the complex proposal remains extremely tentative. Mr. Clinton has not yet convinced most Americans that it will improve the quality of care they receive. Nor are they persuaded that the plan will reduce their medical costs — the concern those polled cited most often about their own health care.

Heading into the long Congressional struggle over health care, Mr. Clinton's overall political position is strengthening. Americans now approve of his job performance by 53 percent to 38 percent, a significant increase from June, when a plurality of those polled gave him failing marks. Similarly, nearly 7 in 10 Americans now say Mr. Clinton is "working hard to bring fundamental change to the way government is run."

Just 24 percent of those polled said the plan was likely to improve their family's health coverage, while 17 percent said it is likely to weaken it and 46 percent said they expected no change.

On costs, assessments of the plan's likely impact are even less optimistic. Only 10 percent of those surveyed said they expect to spend less for health care under the plan; 30 percent said they did not expect their bills to change; and fully half said they expected their costs to rise.

But such personal calculations appear to be less important in guiding reaction to the proposals than broader considerations such as partisanship, views about government's role in the economy, and the degree of urgency Americans feel about reforming the health care system. So far, the poll suggests, Americans seem to be asking not what the plan will do for them, but what it will do for the country — and, largely, if tentatively, answering that it will do more than the status quo. (LAT)

Iran-Contra Replay for North?

WASHINGTON — Oliver L. North's name appears 93 times in a lawsuit that portrays him as a White House aide who let millions of dollars slip out of his control. So the former Marine Corps officer, now a candidate for the U.S. Senate, may not have heard the last of the Iran-contra affair.

In fact, the very scandal that catapulted Mr. North into the national spotlight may take the gloss off his first bid for public office if the Justice Department suit goes to trial. At stake in the case is \$10 million salted away in Swiss bank accounts and, possibly Mr. North's political future.

"He and his people have to be worried about this," said Larry Sabato, professor of government at the University of Virginia. "If it comes up in court after he's received the nomination, it could obviously hurt him."

The U.S. government is laying claim to the \$10 million in a lawsuit filed Sept. 21 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Virginia, but two businessmen and former North operatives, Richard V. Secord and Albert Hakim, say the money belongs to them.

Mr. North, Mr. Secord and Mr. Hakim generated money by marking up the price of weapons that the White House sold clandestinely in its arms-for-hostages deals with Iran during the administration of President Ronald Reagan. The U.S. government recovered its costs, and Mr. Secord and Mr. Hakim kept the rest in offshore accounts, funneling some of it to the Nicaraguan rebels. (AP)

Actress Confirmed as Arts Aide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate unanimously approved the actress Jane Alexander as head of the National Endowment for the Arts. Her confirmation to head a panel that has been a target of criticism for passing out taxpayer money for some controversial arts projects came by voice vote, and without debate. (AP)

Quote / Unquote

Governor Lowell P. Weicker Jr. of Connecticut, announcing that he would not seek re-election next year: "Left in a vacuum, I would run the races of government and politics until I drop. But thank God I don't live in a vacuum. I live in a very real world of family and friends." (AP)

Away From Politics

● Dr. Jack Kevorkian's confession to assisting one suicide can be used as evidence against him in another death, according to District Court Judge Ken Khalil, who said he would allow evidence from the Aug. 4 suicide of Thomas Hyde to be used during the preliminary hearing on the death a month later of a cancer patient, Donald O'Keefe. Dr. Kevorkian is facing a Feb. 15 trial for his part in the suicide of Mr. Hyde, 30, who suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease.

● Eight crew members of the freighter that ran aground off New York with nearly 300 illegal Chinese immigrants have pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of smuggling aliens, in deals allowing them to be sentenced to time already served.

● People on both sides of the abortion issue say the two recent shootings of abortion doctors and an increase in the number of attacks on abortion clinics could mark the start of a new blaze of religious violence and zealotry in the United States. A study of profiles of those apprehended for violent acts against abortion clinics and providers shows they are evenly divided between longtime activists who grow frustrated at their lack of success through other means and those who have only a short involvement with the movement but who are hungry for martyrdom and celebrity.

● Health officials are urging elderly Americans to get flu shots in the next few weeks because of an unusually early and potentially deadly flu season. Cases of A-Behing flu have already been reported in the United States, which is why health officials are recommending that people get flu shots before Nov. 1. Shots are normally advised by Nov. 15. In addition to the elderly, people with chronic illnesses such as asthma or HIV infection, or whose immune systems have been suppressed by cancer treatment, have been urged to get vaccinated. (AP, NYT, LAT, UPI)

Murdoch Reopens Bid For Ailing N.Y. Post

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Post is staggering off its debt-laden agenda.

During a strike by reporters, editors and business employees, the Post's other unions agreed to put out a Friday paper. Managers will fill in for members of the Newspaper Guild, who will maintain their picket line.

The agreement between the would-be owner, Rupert Murdoch, and the craft unions enabled the money-losing tabloid to stave off death for the umpteenth time in recent years.

"We never doubted for a minute that Mr. Murdoch wanted to own the Post," Marianne Goldstein, a reporter, said Wednesday night. "On Monday night, people were laughing at us and tonight, he's proved us right."

The Post has not published since Monday, when the Guild went on strike and the pressmen, drivers and other unions honored the picket line. The walkout led Mr. Murdoch to announce early Tuesday that he was dropping his effort to buy the Post and lift it out of bankruptcy court.

Mr. Murdoch changed his mind Wednesday after an appeal from Governor Mario M. Cuomo and after securing an agreement with members of the Allied Printing Trades Council, an umbrella group of Post unions, to report to work Thursday.

"We have people, families we have to be concerned with," said George McDonald, head of the council.

In March and July, the Post ceased publication and came back, but this time there had been signs the nation's oldest continuously published daily was finished.

The Guild, which also represents editorial, clerical and advertising workers, went on strike over Mr. Murdoch's insistence on the right to dismiss employees without regard to seniority.

Will the U.S. Still Keep a Secret?

By Neil A. Lewis
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Trying to establish a post-Cold War policy for classifying government documents, the Clinton administration is considering a proposal intended to give the public easier access to sensitive information but still allow officials considerable discretion to withhold some secrets.

The proposal was drafted by a committee of government officials ordered in April by President Bill Clinton to design a new system for the United States to keep its secrets. A major part of the proposal is to automatically declassify virtually all government documents after 40 years.

Steven Garfinkel, director of the Information Security Oversight Office, who headed the committee that drafted the proposal, said that if this provision were adopted it would be the first time that government secrets would be automatically disclosed without the need to wait for a review.

Mr. Garfinkel said that if the provision were included in the final policy put forward by Mr. Clinton, it would mean the immediate release of "hundreds of millions of documents" that have never been declassified.

He said the National Archives estimated that it had 300 million to 400 million classified documents from the World War I era up to 1956. Other government agencies also have large numbers of documents, he said.

Mr. Garfinkel said that the proposal was being circulated to government agencies for their views and that a final draft was to go to the White House by Nov. 30.

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Jakarta Manages To Limit Population

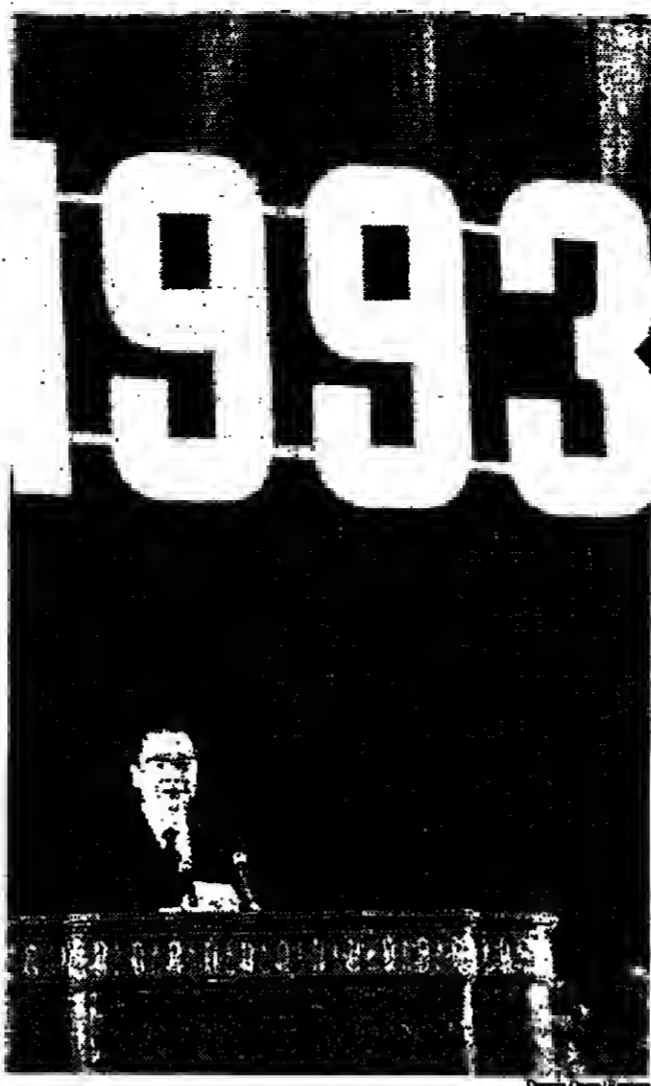
While China and India continue to struggle with population growth, Indonesia's birth-control program is proving successful, Charles P. Wallace of the Los Angeles Times reports from Jakarta, Indonesia.

CHINA: U.S. Overtures

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Arthur Higbee



Li Peng speaking at the National Day banquet Thursday.

Li Peng Blames U.S. for Rift And Counsels 'Mutual Trust'

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BEIJING — Prime Minister Li Peng celebrated China's National Day with a speech blaming the United States for any strain in relations between Beijing and Washington.

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FLORIDA: Hunters and the Prey

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The U.S. attorney general, Janet Reno, when she was state's attorney in Miami...

Task force work can be deadly. Earlier this month, two 15-year-olds fired at a task force member who had stopped their stolen car.

LABOR: 'Pseudo-Left' They May Be, but They're Winning Over Voters

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Never mind that he squeaked through by 3 percent — and only because a fellow shadow cabinet member and former seaman, John Prescott, came to his defense with a thundering speech.

The labor party is no longer in the pocket of organized labor. The changes seemed a far cry from the days when Bert Wynn, a legendary leader of the miners, used to say, "It's carrying democracy too far if you don't know the result before the vote."

U.S. Journalist Killed in Battle

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

An American journalist who was a frequent contributor to The Wall Street Journal has been killed in the battle between Georgian troops and Abkhazian rebels for Sukhumi, staff members at the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi said Thursday.

The reporter, Alexandra Tuttle, 34, who lived in Paris, died Sept. 22 when an Abkhazian separatist shot down a Tupolev-134 passenger plane. The plane exploded after an emergency landing at the airport, killing dozens of people.

There had been no earlier confirmation of Ms. Tuttle's death because the Georgians who organized the rescue of survivors of the crash had all either escaped Sukhumi or died themselves. But an embassy official said that the Georgian prosecutor from Sukhumi had reached Tbilisi on Thursday and confirmed he had been involved in her burial.

AEGEAN: NATO Fears Buildup's Effect on Balkans

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Asked about the likely impact of the weapons transfers to Greece and Turkey and whether a "domino theory" could be applied to the region, Colonel Dewar said: "Too many dominoes have to fall too precisely for a major conflagration to take place. But anything can happen in the Balkans."

According to the latest information, in the last year alone the Greek Army has added 590 American M-60 and 170 German Leopard tanks as well as 70 U.S. 203mm howitzers.

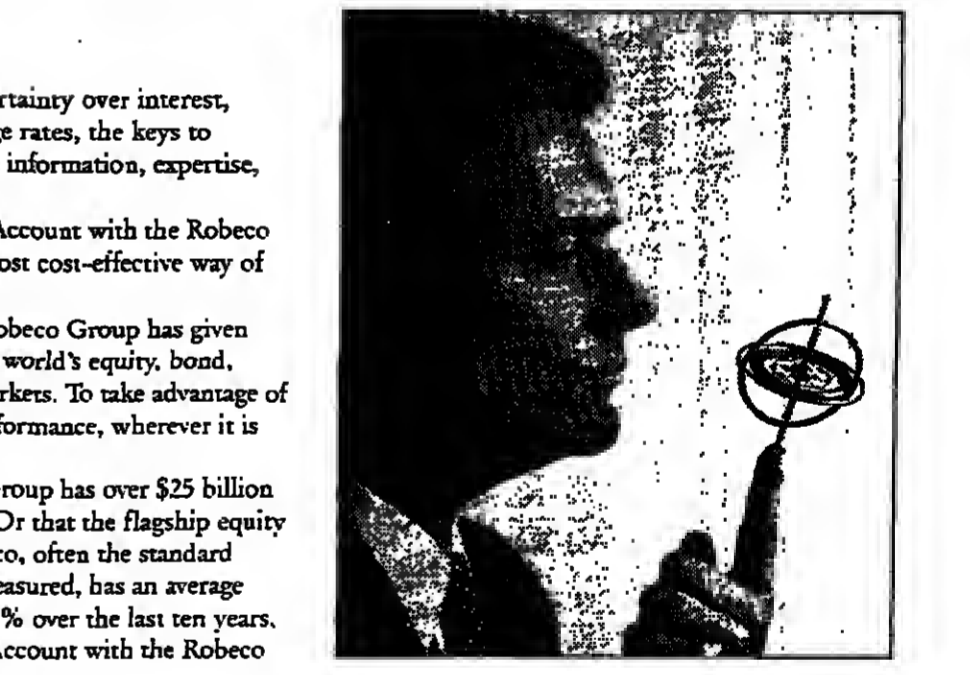
Some former American officials who supported the Bush administration's more conciliatory policies toward China are said to be pressing for Mr. Christopher to visit China, but sources said that no such trip was planned soon.

QUAKE: Thousands Die

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The area had experienced mild tremors in the last several years, but it was not considered prone to earthquakes. The region's most serious earthquake occurred in 1967, when more than 100 people died in a tremor believed to have been caused by the operation of a huge dam, Mr. Gupta said.

The worst Indian earthquake this century, measuring 8.6 on the Richter scale, occurred in April 1905 in Kangra, killing 19,000 people. And in 1935 in Quetta, Pakistan, which was then part of India, 30,000 were killed in a quake.



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Disease Claims Flamingoes

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OPINION

Those Bosnian Diehards Won't Leave Us in Peace

By William Safire

WASHINGTON—At the Battle of Albuera in 1811, the wounded Colonel William Jervis, commander of the 57th Foot Regiment, cried out to his troops: "Die hard, men, die hard!" Since that victory, the Middlesex regiment has been called "the Diehards." Diehards today are in ill repute, sometimes deservedly so.

if today's diehards get their wish — of the last stand of the brave apparitions in Russia's rump parliament (shly supported by the displaced Mikhail Gorbachev).

Old diehards like Rutskoi cling to their beliefs in hopes of vindication. New diehards in Bosnia think their public dying might force others to prevent it.

richicks defying the Russian president's order to surrender. They are dying hard for the cause of a return to a command economy, centralization of power, gulags, oppression, militarism, imperialism, employer mandates — the whole discredited Socialist works.

But Mr. Rutskoi's diehards intend to provoke the KGB and military units surrounding them into storming their citadel, giving them a chance for political martyrdom. At that moment, world opinion would recoil.

Why? Because bravery is admirable. The 200 or so legislators who have slipped out of the embattled parliament to take advantage of job offers from the Yeltsinites are cowardly opportunists. The remaining diehards, suffering for their repugnant cause, know that they draw from the most grudging democrat at least a moment of admiration.

We all saw what happened when authority grew impatient with demonstrators at Tiananmen Square. Students demonstrating for democracy are not to be equated with bureaucrats demonstrating for communism, but sympathy will be on the side of those on the receiving end of bludgeons.

Those dumb diehards, say the world's imposers. Don't they realize they have lost, they are going to get killed, and — even worse — on camera, making us uncomfortable? Don't they know how to be good losers?

Old diehards like Mr. Rutskoi cling to their beliefs or power hunger in the hope of historic vindication beyond the grave. New diehards in Bosnia and Kurdistan have grasped the idea that the hardness of the public dying might force others to prevent it.

If Bosnia's patriots insist on fighting on, would the American president not ask the United Nations to lift the embargo? If he does, would Prime Minister Major cast the veto — as he once threatened Mr. Clinton with doing — that would end the British-American special relationship?

If new Bosnian arms level the fighting field, would the Serbs and Croats not offer a more honorable peace? That's the way oew diehards think. It's gutsy, and Americans have a claim on his quality: "I die hard," George Washington reportedly said on his deathbed, "but I am not afraid."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Europe and Asia

Regarding "A European Image of Asia That Serves No One Well" (Opinion, Sept. 14) by Robert Elegant: Mr. Elegant is patently not well informed enough about Europe to say that "the common European attitude toward Asians is firmly grounded in ignorance, racism and fear of the unknown."

Wild Australia

Regarding "Beijing, Sydney and Rights" (Letters, Sept. 21): Raymond T. Hozer's letter alleging institutionalized corruption and political oppression in Australia is rubbish. Although his description of Australia's human rights record was unrecognizable to me, I feared that outsiders might accept it. Accordingly, I searched him out, finally getting in touch with him on his mobile telephone, between passengers, as he drove his taxi.

Danish and Dutch Jews

Regarding "Denmark and the Jews" (Letters, Sept. 17) from Bent Bludnikov: The Netherlands, in contrast to Denmark, had a liberal policy toward Jewish immigration during the 1930s. Consider what happened: Of the 120,000 Jews in the Netherlands at the outbreak of World War II, 20,000 survived, some by going underground, some through mixed marriages. Of 100,000 Jews deported by the Nazis, few returned. No rescue activities of the Danish kind were attempted.

Restaurant Manners

Regarding "Our Marches Won't Make the Dream Come True" (Opinion, Sept. 3) by William Raspberry: There is something disturbing about the story of three black women in the Bethesda Crab House being asked to make room for a party of six whites. If the three women had been white, or had the other party been black, I doubt there would have been an issue at all.

A Good Cigar Is a Smoke

Regarding "One Man's Brazen Romance With Cigars" (Sept. 9): As a frequent visitor to the United States, I do suffer from the near-universal ostracism of cigar smokers there. It starts on the long, trans-Atlantic flight, where cigars have been banned for years now. On land, it feels worse. Practically all restaurants forbid cigars now, even in the smoking section, although I find that cigarette smoke is not any better and perhaps worse.

Wild Australia

Mr. Hozer said he had been unlawfully arrested and beaten on 12 occasions by the police, on another 12 occasions by customs officials and on still another 12 occasions by — of all people — officers of the wildlife department. He said the wildlife department had banned a book he wrote, and wildlife officers had visited and threatened "every bookstore in Australia." There was mention of two bookstore owners having been shot to death.

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Tell the Cheap Jerk 'Yes,' And Don't Forget to Smile

By Claudia Shear

NEW YORK — "Most people seem to live in character. They have a beginning, a middle and an end," H. G. Wells wrote in "Tono-Bungay."

drink less coffee so you won't have to go to the bathroom so much. It doesn't matter if you're good, the floor runs better when it's all men. You were warned about reading at the desk. No standing around, you have to look busy. The girls wear leotards because that is what our customers like.

MEANWHILE and what is due to them. But there is another kind of life. One gets hit by some unusual, unforeseen force, jerked out of one's stratum, and one lives crosswise for the rest of the time.

And my favorite: I don't have to give you a reason, it's my restaurant. I have a huge warehouse preparing lunch for a convention at Madison Square Garden — hairnets, huge plastic aprons, up to my elbows in processed turkey in vats of brine. Great spheres of turkey meat encased in a rind of fat and gelatin that wedges painfully under your fingernails as you lean over and lift them out.

That's me, blown sideways through life. At last count, I've had 64 jobs. Now, I'm not 236 years old, so obviously some were of unusually short duration.

The briefcase was at a restaurant called Bar Lui — got hired, went in, drank an iced coffee, made a few phone calls, after about 10 minutes the manager interrupted me: "Um, we have very specific policies regarding personal calls."

Who am I today? Who do you need? Today I'm a bartender at a Chinese restaurant. I'm a proofreader at an investment bank. I'm the take-out cook at a "sourness" kitchen opening onto a yard strewn with dog feces. I'm the translator for an Italian pop music band. I'm a brunch chef on Fire Island.

How much is the tax on \$13? Do you serve from the left or the right? Do you type, make dictation, own a fax, have a beeper, drive a car, live in Manhattan? Will you work Sundays, midnight, every weekend, no weekends, just lunches, only dinners, on call, when we need you? \$1.05. From the left, yes, yes, no, no, no, no, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes.

I carry up cases of beer, stacks of documents, flats of eggs, trays of lipsticks. I set up the computer, the desk, the roach, the stock.

Great, that moment when you get a job. Great, that moment of the first paycheck. All too soon, there's that glen in your stomach as the dreaded punch-in, sign-in, be on the floor time approaches. And as you walk to the first table, pick up the first document, push the button to take the first call, you think, "I'll never get through this."

Good afternoon, Finley Kumble; Good morning, Shakespeare Festival; Buonasera, Il Toscano; Hi, we have five very pretty girls, two brunettes, a redhead and two very busy blondes; Medical Center Patient Information, what room please?

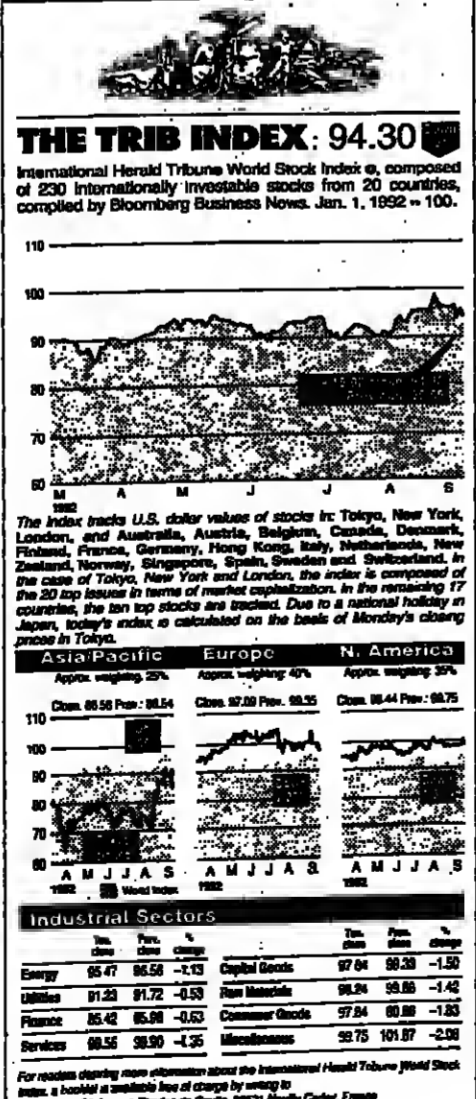
And then you finally finish your shift and it's time for the late night ride in the taxi, counting your cash by street lights. And sitting down. Oh, sitting down after hours on your feet is as pure as drinking water, as satisfying as biting into an apple.

And then they tell me, Uh, there's been complaints about your attitude. You were heard whistling in the elevator. Singing in the dining room. You laugh too loudly. You were insubordinate. You have to do what we tell you without arguing. You spend too much time on the phone. Maybe you should

And you're too tired up to go to sleep, you sit at the kitchen table. It's really late, it's really quiet, you're tired. Don't wanna go to bed, though. Going to bed means this was the day. This Feb. 12, this Aug. 3, this Nov. 20 is over and you're tired and you made some money but it didn't happen, nothing happened. You got through it and a whole day of your life is over. And all it is — is time to go to bed.

Claudia Shear wrote and currently performs the one-woman play "Blown Sideways Through Life," from which this has been adapted by The New York Times.

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NYSE

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BUSINESS

International Herald Tribune, Friday, October 1, 1993

For Foreign Investors, Hong Kong's Future Is Now

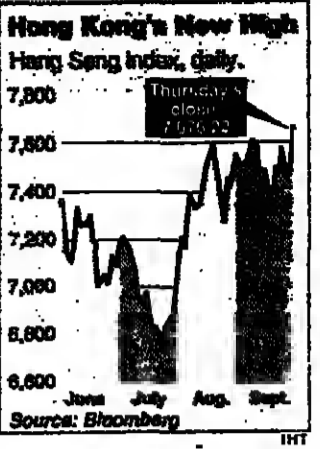
By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG — Beijing and Britain are squabbling over Hong Kong's sovereignty, but international investors now consider the British colony just another Chinese city and are pouring into the market.

Political confidence. "This has always been a manic-depressive market," said Bob Broadfoot of Political and Economic Risk Consultants, a trading environment where meaning words from China—a threat not to honor major government contracts after 1997, for example—can knock 23 percent off the Hang Seng index in a few days, as happened last November.

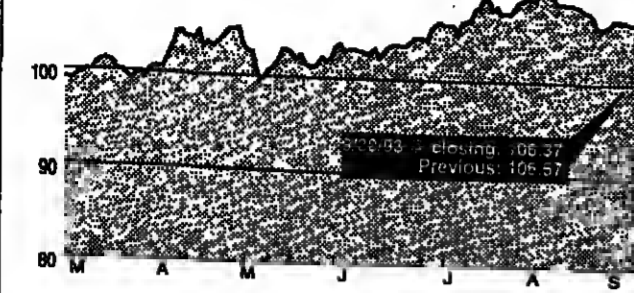
colony just another city in China—the one where its best stocks trade. Evidence of the transformation exists in the Hang Seng's recent strong performance. On Thursday it reached a record high of 7,676.22, despite a deepening chill in Chinese-British relations that until lately would have sent investors running for cover.

has warned it will undo any displacing electoral reforms. Last week, it also republished an 11-year-old speech by China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, which obliquely threatens a Chinese takeover before 1997 in the event of "major disturbances."



THE TRIB INDEX: 106.37

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Table with 3 columns: Asia/Pacific, Europe, N. America. Rows include Energy, Utilities, Finance, Services, Capital Goods, Raw Materials, Consumer Goods, Miscellaneous.

WALL STREET WATCH

Money Flowing to Stocks Isn't Staying in the U.S.

By Floyd Norris

NEW YORK — Mutual fund investors are increasingly sending their money out of the United States. And that could cause some indignation in the home market.

"We have relatively flat domestic equity cash flows and stratospheric international equity fund sales," a spokesman for Seudder, Stevens & Clark said, discussing sales figures for September.

Overall, stock mutual funds took in a record \$12.1 billion in August, according to figures released this week by the Investment Company Institute, a trade group.

Funds that invest solely or primarily in foreign stocks took in \$5.4 billion in August, up 74 percent from July's \$3.1 billion, which had been the record month.

Among bond funds, the stars in August were global funds, which took in \$1.3 billion, the most since October 1991.

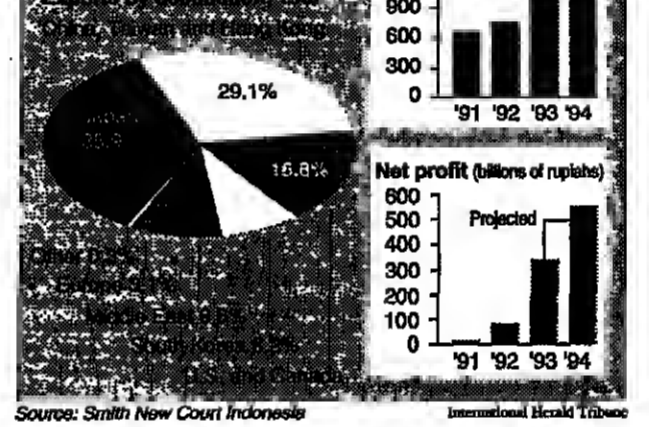
A Giant Joins Jakarta Exchange Barito Timber, Newest Listing, Is Also Its Largest

By Michael Richardson

JAKARTA — Three life-size bronze sculptures of prancing horses dominate the entrance foyer of the tower block in which Prjogo Pungestu has his penthouse office.

come the largest company on the market, accounting for least 10 percent of capitalization. Mr. Prjogo is the founder and chairman of the Barito Pacific group and president-commissioner of Barito Pacific Timber.

Europe accounted for about 13 percent of global trade in the product. Indonesia accounts for around 70 percent of world supplies of plywood made from tropical hardwood.



Source: Smith New Court Indonesia

Martin Marietta Says Its Job Cuts Will Total 11,000

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BETHESDA, Maryland — Martin Marietta Corp. announced Thursday that it was eliminating or consolidating plants in 10 states to save \$1.5 billion over the next five years as part of a restructuring plan that will see 11,000 jobs lost.

expected to reduce employment by a further 3,000 this year through attrition. About 1,800 of the job cuts will come from the ranks of airport gate and counter staff, many of whom will be replaced by part-time workers, a spokesman said.

Crédit Lyonnais Spurs Koch on MGM

By Mitchell Martin

PARIS — Crédit Lyonnais has told William I. Koch, the investor who won the America's Cup yacht race last year, that it would not talk to him about selling Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc., both parties said Thursday.

which make use of many processing chips. This kind of architecture, Mr. Koch said, would be especially useful in a service that can accept multiple requests to view films from homes, then transmit the movies to purchasers.

Mr. Koch said in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, that he received a letter Wednesday from François Gillet, the managing director of the French state-controlled bank, refusing his request to discuss a bid and to receive financial information about MGM.

took over the studio last year, after Mr. Parretti defaulted on loans. Mr. Koch said Thursday that he thought the refusal to negotiate "came from the bank" and that he was considering going over the heads of the current managers, many of whom were appointed by the previous Socialist government.

Europe Expects Little From Change at Bundesbank's Top

By Brandon Mitchener

FRANKFURT — The transfer of power at the helm of the Deutsche Bundesbank set for Friday is likely to be a mixed blessing for Europe, which may be happy to see Helmut Schlesinger leave as president but is unsure what to expect from Hans Tietmeyer, his designated successor.

age 69, share a missionary zeal when it comes to preaching the gospel of monetary stability and defending the Deutsche mark, in particular, from inflation.

European Monetary System to the brink of collapse. Mr. Tietmeyer is more inclined to think as a European even when duty requires him to put Germany first, people who know him have said.

Nevertheless, Mr. Tietmeyer, who will be starting a six-year term as the German central bank's president, is likely to bring the central bank to change of policy and little change of personality, analysts said.

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Large table with multiple columns: Cross Rates, Eurocurrency Deposits, Key Money Rates, Other Dollar Values, Forward Rates. Includes various exchange rates and interest rates for different currencies and terms.

Advertisement for BLANCPAIN watches. Features a large image of a watch and text: 'IB 1735 BLANCPAIN', 'The ultra-slim watch', 'SINCE 1735 THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A QUARTZ BLANCPAIN WATCH. AND THERE NEVER WILL BE.', 'LUIGI VERGA S.A.S. DI VALERIO VERGA & C. - OROLOGERIA'.

MARKET DIARY

Stocks Undercut By Portfolio Shifts

There were worries over GM's underfunded pension liability to the face of proposed legislation that would tighten rules governing pension plans.

N.Y. Stocks

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The Dow Jones industrial average fell 11.18 points, to 3,555.12, and rising issues on the New York Stock Exchange outnumbered decliners by a small margin.

of economic indicators released Thursday, three showed more activity than people were anticipating.

Bullish U.S. Data Give Dollar 2-Pfennig Boost

NEW YORK — The dollar staged its largest one-day rally since turmoil erupted in Russia last week, rising about 1 percent on Thursday after a round of economic reports suggested slow but apparently solid improvement in the U.S. economy.

Foreign Exchange

1.6345 Deutsche marks after closing at 1.6092 DM on Wednesday. It rose to 106.15 yen from 105.20 yen.

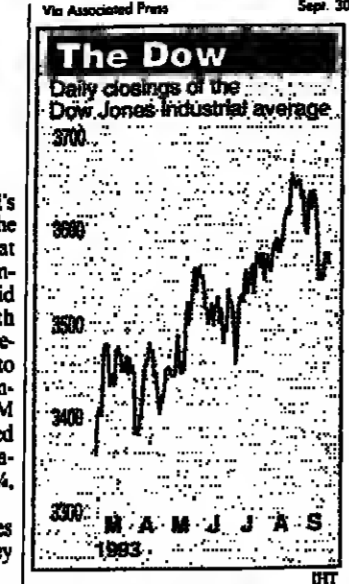
Against other currencies, the dollar rose to 1.425 Swiss francs from 1.4120 francs and to 5.6963 French francs from 5.6265 francs.

The dollar touched a six-year high of 1.3773 the Canadian dollars before slipping to 1.3340.

The Australian dollar, which hit a 6.5-year low of 64.13 U.S. cents rebounded to 64.42 cents late in the day.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Table listing stock market data for various international markets including Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Madrid, Milan, Montreal, New York, Paris, Singapore, Stockholm, Toronto, Zurich, and others. Columns include market name, index value, and change.



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Stock Indexes

Table showing stock index futures for various markets like FTSE 100, Nikkei, and Hang Seng.

Spot Commodities

Table showing spot commodity prices for various goods like Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans.

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NASDAQ

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NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.
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Notes: Hours are unofficial. Yearly high and low reflect
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trading day. Where a split or stock dividend occurred in
the previous year, the year's high-low range and other
figures are shown for the new stock only. Unless otherwise
indicated, all figures are based on the latest information
available.

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China to Open Gold Mines to Investors

BEIJING — China is taking steps to relax its tightly controlled gold industry and will soon allow foreigners to invest in its gold mines, two officials said.

At Daheing, deputy chief of the state gold administration, said a list of the first Chinese mines open to foreign investment would be published next month, according to the official China Daily.

Foreign businessmen will only be allowed a slice of low-grade mines or those which are hard to dig," the newspaper said, adding that the most likely candidates were in the southwestern provinces of Yunnan, Guizhou and Sichuan.

Overseas participation in China's gold sector has been limited to supplying mining equipment for the state gold monopoly.

Mr. Ai said companies from the United States, Canada, Australia and South Africa had expressed interest in China's gold resources.

Beijing has long required gold producers to sell to the government at artificially low prices.

This has led to an active black market in gold, and the state's low prices have put around 30 percent of China's 600 gold mines into debt as they struggled with the rising cost of raw materials, transportation and power.

China almost doubled its official gold purchasing price Sept. 1, pushing it to 96 yuan a gram from 50 yuan. At the official exchange rate, the new price would be equal to about \$475 an ounce, well above the international market price. But many of China's foreign-exchange transactions are carried out at rates other than the official one.

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SPORTS

Yankees Will Cheer, Not Sneer, at a Consolation Prize

The Associated Press

The races for American League division titles are over, but there's still a consolation prize to be won. The New York Yankees and Detroit Tigers both won Wednesday night, and the talk from each team was about finishing in second place in the standings in the AL East.

AL ROUNDUP

It was a big game for us," New York's Jimmy Key said after the Yankees' 8-3 victory over Baltimore gave them a 2½-game lead over the Orioles and Tigers, who are tied for third. "First is done, so second means a lot to this organization and these guys in here in this clubhouse."

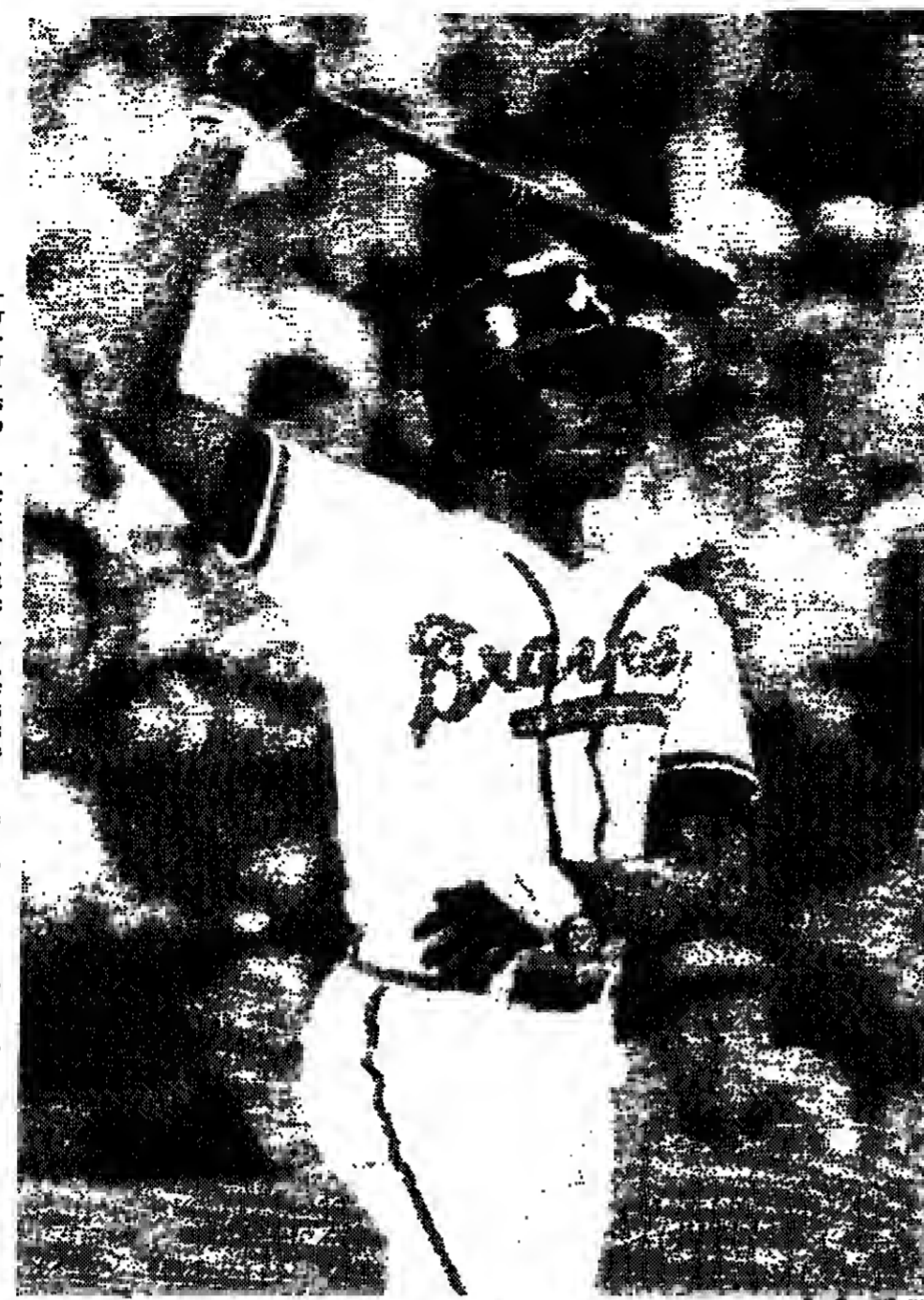
The Tigers beat the Boston Red Sox, 8-7, with three runs in the ninth. "You should always try to finish as high as you can," Detroit manager Sparky Anderson said. "That's what keeps this game honest."

The Yankees and Tigers end the season with a three-game series in New York. Key notched his career-high 18th victory, allowing one run and four hits in seven innings as the Yankees won two of three games in Baltimore.

The Jays, who clinched the division for the third consecutive year on Monday, started only three regulars. Two of them — Paul Molitor and John Olerud — had big nights. Molitor had a triple, two doubles and a walk and Olerud had two doubles and three walks.

White Sox 3, Mariners 2: In Chicago, the AL West champion White Sox scored two in the ninth to tie it and won in the 12th on rookie Norberto Martin's RBI single. Martin, who got his first major league hit Tuesday night, singled to score Joey Coxa with the winning run.

Ken Griffey Jr. went 4-for-6 for Seattle, with a home run, double, two singles and two RBIs. The bomber tied Griffey with Texas's Juan Gonzalez and San Francisco's Barry Bonds for the major league lead with 44.



Fred McGriff watching his 36th home run of the year sail out of Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

A 'Happy' Navratilova Gives It One Last Year

Reuters

NEW YORK — Martina Navratilova, winner of a record 165 women's tennis tournaments and more than \$19 million in prize money, has said that next year will be her last in singles competition. "It's time for me to move on," the 36-year-old Navratilova said on Wednesday. "It's been a fantastic career but it's been pretty long and I'm looking forward to coming out on the other side."

No Davis Cup Final for Becker

Reuters

BONN — Boris Becker said Thursday that he would stick by his decision not to play in the Davis Cup despite Germany's having reached the final against Australia. Becker chose not to play in all of Germany's other matches this year to concentrate on improving his world ranking. "At the start of 1993 I announced I would not be playing Davis Cup," Becker said Thursday. "Nothing has changed since Germany's victory over Sweden in the semifinals."

women's season-ending championships convene here in November, said announcing her decision to retire from singles was a great relief. "I'm very happy about seeing the end of the road," said Navratilova, who made her first splash in international tennis by reaching the quarters of the 1973 French Open at age 16.

Giants, a Game Down, Head for Dodgertown

The Associated Press

With four games to go, the Atlanta Braves have a one-game lead on the San Francisco Giants, who must play their final games at the home of the Los Angeles Dodgers, their most emotional foe.

NL ROUNDUP

San Francisco has lost six of nine to the Dodgers this season. The two have been fighting for a century in a rivalry that began a continent away in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

"It's not how you want to end your season at home," San Francisco manager Dusty Baker said after Wednesday's 5-3 loss to the Colorado Rockies at Candlestick Park. "We plan on coming back here to play again, one way or another. The race is alive and well."

Atlanta, which dropped into a tie for first by losing to Houston on Tuesday night, regained sole possession with a 6-3 victory over the Astros on Wednesday. The Braves close the season with four home games, one against Houston and three against the Rockies.

Houston stranded 14 runners, including the bases loaded in the eighth and ninth innings. Ken Caminiti and Kevin Bass walked with one out in the ninth, and Andujar Cedeno reached on a throwing error by third baseman Terry Pendleton.

George Brett, Old Enough at 40

AP Wirephoto

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — With a farewell ride around the stadium that holds many memories he helped create, and with a kiss of homeplate, George Brett left his home ballpark for the last time as a player. The 40-year-old Brett will play three games in Texas, and then his twelve-decade career as a player for the Kansas City Royals is over.

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"There definitely were a lot of chances," said Matt Williams, who hit into a bases-loaded double play in the fifth and stranded the Giants' last runner at third base in the seventh.

Some Real Fireworks in the Bleachers

AP Wirephoto

CHICAGO (AP) — A man hurt his wife and himself when he accidentally fired a gun in the bleachers during the White Sox game Wednesday. Rodolfo Diaz, a lieutenant in the U.S. Marines, told police that he had been holding his .380 semiautomatic pistol in his coat pocket when it discharged during the seventh inning.

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SPORTS

Marseille Punished For Rowdiness

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches

PARIS — Olympique Marseille, the champion soccer team barred from international competition for alleged match-fixing, was newly punished Thursday for rowdiness at a game last week, with officials closing the stadium for one match and suspending two players.

The French Soccer League's disciplinary commission ruled that Marseille's stadium would be off limits for one home match and that goalie Fabrice Barthez and midfielder Basile Boli would be suspended for a match.

The two players were held partly responsible for incidents during the Sept. 24 game with Metz. The game was stopped at the 85th minute as Marseille fans descended on the field following the expulsion of the two players. Metz won, 3-0.

Meanwhile, soccer authorities have declared this Saturday's league matches involving Marseille and the league leader, Paris Saint-Germain, as high-risk games after reports that hooligans were planning violence.

The police said they believed thousands of Marseille fans would travel to nearby Martignes to clash with supporters of the visiting PSG. Marseille has said it fears reprisals from Paris fans in Lille the same day.

The Marseille and Paris clubs have a history of unfriendly rivalry that exploded into violence at the end of last season when Paris fans hurled smoke bombs and missiles into the crowd at Marseille's Stade Vélodrome, injuring 14 people.

About 150 riot police will be inside Martignes stadium, and security outside has been tightened. (AP, Reuters)

NCAA Seeks to Stop Football Brawling

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — The NCAA Presidents Commission has announced the rash of fighting during last year's end-of-season football games and called for schools across the country to toughen standards of conduct.

The 44-member group of university presidents and chancellors said Wednesday there was "disturbing evidence of the disregard of sportsmanship."

Saturday's Miami-Colorado game was interrupted by a fight and a dozen players were ejected. Brava's also broke out in the North Carolina State-North Carolina game, the Duke-Virginia game and the Maryland-Virginia Tech game.

The commission's statement calls, among other things, for the NCAA Football Rules Committee to review the rules of proper conduct to determine if they are effective.

After the Miami-Colorado fight, Miami coach Dennis Erickson unveiled a new policy Tuesday for punishing players who fight.

The guidelines, which Miami will recommend to the NCAA, include a one-game suspension for any player leaving the bench area to participate in a fight.

But some football analysts are calling for a stiffer, NCAA-wide rule under which a first offense would bring a two-game suspension and a second offense a season-long banishment. (AP, LAT)

A Soggy British Setting for a Sort-Of Title Fight

By Ian Thomsen

International Herald Tribune
CARDIFF, Wales — This is very important and it is very serious. It is the biggest prize fight ever for Britain. So this week, the challenger, Frank Bruno, was asked for his favorite color in a dress.

"I think red suits me best," said Bruno. "But any color. I'm very flexible."

He wore one as an actor — actress — in the role of Juliet during a charity production in 1985. This is how Bruno became the most popular heavyweight in Britain, according to the man who will be his opponent Saturday morning, the World Boxing Council champion, Lennox Lewis. Bruno (36-3) will put up his popularity and Lewis (23-0) will put up his belt at 1 A.M. outdoors at Cardiff Arms Park, home to Welsh rugby.

"He wears a dress," Lewis said. "What I look at Frank Bruno as, I wouldn't want to be in his shoes."

He indicated, basically, that he sees the 31-year-old Bruno as an Uncle Tom. An article Sunday in the Observer newspaper said as much, and Bruno reacted Wednesday at a news conference by serving Lewis with a writ forbidding him from making any more such allegedly libelous accusations.

In his hotel room a short time later, the 28-year-old champion denied having called Bruno an "Uncle Tom," because, Lewis said, "that term is not in my vocabulary." Yet Lewis clearly believes that Bruno is guilty of playing down to the white public. "I do hear a lot of people off the street say he's a sellout," Lewis said. "People use a lot of different expressions about Bruno. Another is 'cocoon.'"

The term means to say that Bruno is black on the outside, and white on the inside.

The point of all this being, if this is the biggest bout for Britain, that it's a sad little history for boxing. Does the country expect a tourist boom when it presents its greatest fight to the world at 1 in the morning, outdoors, in summer? This reporter, for purposes of research,



Frank Bruno, the challenger, and Lennox Lewis, the WBC heavyweight champion, posturing at the weigh-in for Saturday's title bout.

has walked back to the local hotel at approximately this hour each of the last three nights. He has found the night to be blacker than the depleted coal mines, the rain to crack like static beneath the streetlights, and the skin to thicken to a consistency not unlike the goose-pimpled floor of any of the tax-splashing by that he is never able to flag down.

According to Lewis's manager, Panos Elias, this promotion will thrust Cardiff into position to host "other major events, including the Olympic Games." He didn't mention the city's unique potential for little protection from the rain. The umbrella overhead is only slightly larger than the ring.

The environment will be undoubtedly British, even if Bruno thanks his opponent is not. Lewis left England at 12 to join his mother in Ontario, and he won his 1988 Olympic gold medal for Canada. Lewis returned to England as a professional in 1989, only to find that his heavyweight ascension was obscured by Bruno's 1991 come-

back from retina surgery. The injury was suffered in his 1989 fifth-round knockout by Mike Tyson, Bruno's second attempt at the championship. He was knocked out trying to take Tim Witherspoon's belt in London in 1986.

While always wary, Lewis claims not to be envious of Bruno's popularity. "He did a lot of work for that; not everybody out there is willing to wear a dress," Lewis said. "This is a fight people wanted to see. Every time on the street, people would come up to praise me and

then they'd say, 'When are you going to fight Frank Bruno?'"

"This fight is for Britain. It's a country divided that need to be behind their champion, and I'm their champion."

Still, the British public isn't expecting a great match. Bruno's 32 knockouts give him a puncher's chance, but his best victory remains a first-rounder against Gerry Cooney seven years ago. Most of the favorite is being laid on Lewis as 1-5 favorite, as though the public wants him to beat his popular king. If he founders, as he did in his May decision against Tony Tucker, the British will have to admit that Riddick Bowe, holder of two belts, is the rightful heavyweight champion. Until Lewis beats Bowe, it will be argued that he is Britain's first champion only because the WBC belt was discarded by Bowe.

"You must remember that Lewis never won his title in the ring," says Bruno. "He got it out of a dustbin. Yet he's going on like he is some sort of Ray Leonard or Muhammad Ali."

Yet he must remain humble until he can dispense the peoples' choice. On Thursday the two of them met at the Castle in Cardiff for the weigh-in. For the record, Bruno, at 6 feet 3 1/2 inches (1.93 meters), weighed 238 pounds (108 kilograms), while Lewis, at 6-4 1/2, stood at 233. More telling was the weather.

It was raining, and they were standing under a tent ceiling while their public caught cold watching them. To see the two fighters was to understand the brutality of any British contender. Put them together and you might have something special. In reality, the best hope is that Lewis can absorb Bruno's fame by taking him apart.

But he must be patient. Waiting to strip down to his shorts, he stood next to an authentic town crier announcing the glory to come Saturday, when Frank Bruno will finally oppose "the WBC Heavyweight Champion of the World, Leo Lewis."

"Lennox," someone muttered.

"Lennox Lewis," the man shouted, too late to stop the laughter.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Major League Standings

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Wednesday's Line Scores

Table listing game results for Wednesday, including teams, scores, and key players.



Manchester United's Bryan Robson, left, facing Horred Budapest's Gabor Halmi in European Cup play; United won, 2-1, to advance.

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SIDELINES

A Reassured Frost Leads German Golf

STUTTGART (Reuters) — South African David Frost surged to the top of the leader board at the German Masters on Thursday after a reassuring late night telephone chat with coach David Leadbetter.

Warriors' Marciulionis Out for Season

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Sarunas Marciulionis, the Golden State Warriors guard from Lithuania, will miss the entire NBA season with a torn ligament in his right knee, team doctors have said.

Sydney Can Host Games for Disabled

SYDNEY (Reuters) — A dispute over the funding of the 2000 Paralympics was settled on Thursday with the Australian and New South Wales governments agreeing to contribute equal shares.

For the Record

Japan has defeated a European proposal to introduce colored clothing for judo matches at the world championships and Olympics. The International Judo Federation's congress in Hamilton, Ontario, voted Wednesday to keep the traditional white suits even though one fighter has worn blue and the other white at European championships since 1988.

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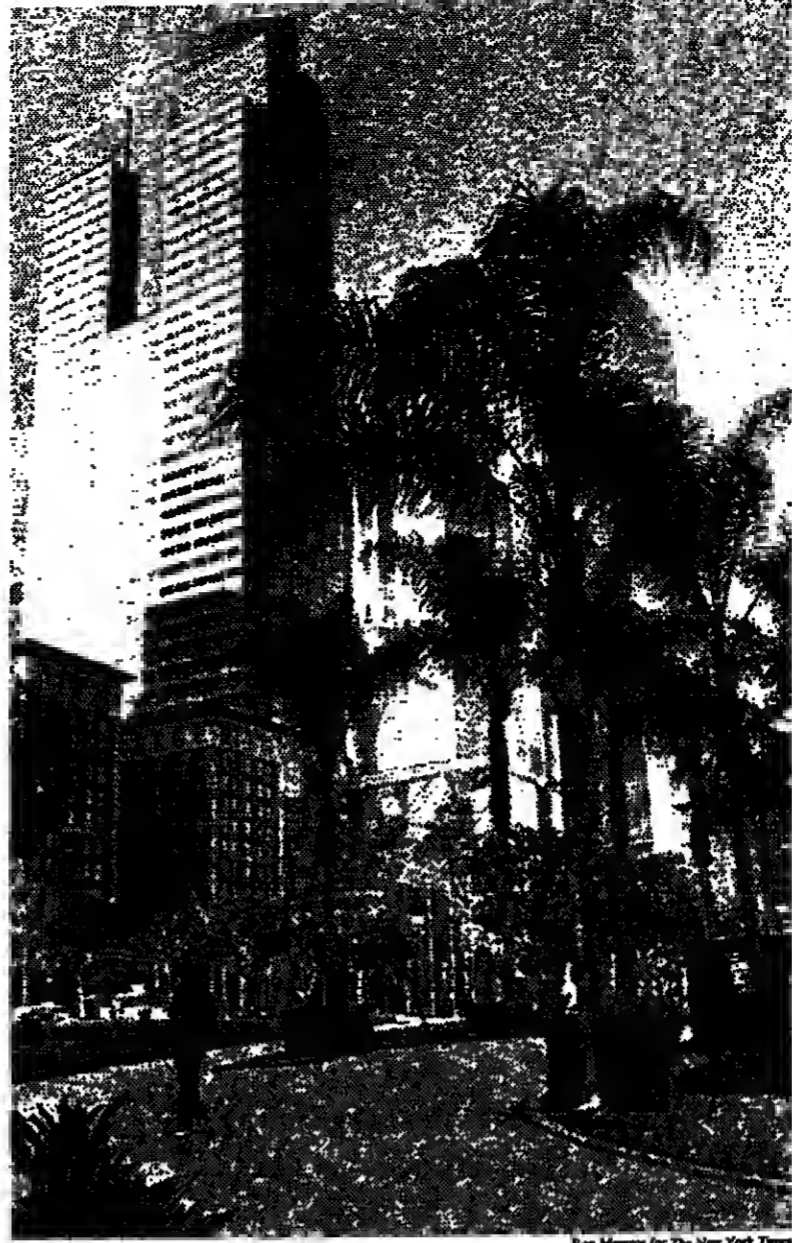
By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — The news is seething with unanswered questions. Why, for instance, is the U.S. government willing to raise taxes on tobacco but not on alcohol to finance a national health program? Surely booze matches smoke as a health menace, doesn't it? Is it because the anti-smoke lobby has muscle while the temperance lobby has none? Or because pots of both parties fear the booze lobby's power to anger millions of beer-sozzled televisioners?

ment, are New Yorkers aware that their city is within striking distance of an arresting statistical distinction? Or is it perhaps not arresting for a city to have innocent bystanders shot at the rate of one per day over an entire year? "So far this year," The New York Times reported on Sept. 20, "at least 253 shooting victims in New York City have been categorized by the police as innocent bystanders." Since Sept. 19, the day the story was written, was the 262d day of 1993, doesn't this indicate that the city was only seven shot innocent bystanders shy of the one-day pace? With an increase normally to be expected as the shooting picks up during the Christmas season, doesn't 365 shot innocent bystanders seem eminently possible before midnight Dec. 31?

All About Palms, L.A.'s Real Stars

By Joseph Giovannini
New York Times Service
LOS ANGELES — There are, of course, the palms of glamour lining the crescent roads of Beverly Hills and Pasadena and the everyday working palms hunched in trees and fountains along Los Angeles freeway embankments. Less obvious are the couples: the male and female palms stationed like husband and wife on either side of walkways up to Victorian houses, and the volunteers, the scrappy palms growing for their lives through sidewalk cracks, the gift of birds dropping seeds.

scope of mixed alpine and Mediterranean messages. Angelenos collected voraciously: the plants grew furiously. The new greenery proved the urban binder for neighborhoods abounding in mixed, sometimes contradictory architectural fantasies. Except for the Washingtonia filifera, a palm found in canyon oases near Palm Springs (hence the city's name), the trees were unknown to Southern California until, it is said, a Spanish missionary brought one in by mule in the 18th century. Scores of varieties were imported in the early 1900s from all over the world, which helped cast the image of Los Angeles as the exotic place new arrivals wanted to find here.



Palms, down among the sheltering skyscrapers of Los Angeles.

hardworking ficus is really a convenience tree with white-bread looks. During periods when historical styles are popular, the palms perpetuate themes of other times and climes. Many were planted in the eclectic 1920s and in the Art Deco 1930s.

sensuously. Modernists sculptured the landscape with their radial, angular geometries. And palms had personality, as though Carmen Miranda, like Daphne, had metamorphosed into a tree after a come-hither chase.

PEOPLE

Fit or Un, Madonna Won't Play Frankfurt

A German politician said Madonna's Girlie Show wasn't fit for young eyes, but in the end it was technical difficulties that scotched her only performance in Germany on her world tour. Madonna won't be singing at the Festhalle in Frankfurt on Saturday because the set was too complicated to put up in time, the organizer, Marek Lieberberg, said. The Festhalle is sold out through Friday for David Copperfield's illusionist show, and putting up Madonna's set would take at least 21 hours, Lieberberg said.

Lawyers for Burt Reynolds and Lou Anderson agree that he is unable to pay the \$5 million she is asking for child support and property settlement. The bankruptcy of Reynolds's Po' Boy restaurant chain left him deep in debt. . . . Meanwhile, Kim Basinger's plea for sympathy from a bankruptcy court failed and she has been ordered to pay \$3.1 million for breaking her promise to star in the film "Boxing Helena." Plus 10 percent interest.

Frank Rich, chief theater critic for The New York Times for 13 years, has been named The Times's newest Op-Ed columnist. He will remain theater critic through the fall season.

So far, the Kennedy Center in Washington says, it has had only a marginal decline in revenue because of the musicians' strike, but at least one high-profile customer is refusing to cross the picket line. The Presidential Box at the Eisenhower Theater has remained empty since Sept. 1, when the strike started; the box at the opera has been used only by people other than Bill and Hillary Clinton. "It's very clear they are not using it," said a center source quoted by The Washington Post. "And it doesn't make us happy."

Vince Gill swept the Country Music Association's annual awards by winning the top prize, Entertainer of the Year, and four others. Willie Nelson was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

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Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather.



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"I wonder if the little guy had fun today?"

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